

VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000

(Firmware Version: 5.05 148)



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This is a non-proprietary Cryptographic Module Security Policy for the VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000 (firmware version 5.05_148) from Nortel. This Security Policy describes how the VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700, and 5000 meet the security requirements of FIPS 140-2 and how to run the modules in a secure FIPS 140-2 mode. This policy was prepared as part of the Level 2 FIPS 140-2 validation of the modules.

FIPS 140-2 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 — Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules) details the U.S. Government requirements for cryptographic modules. More information about the FIPS 140-2 standard and validation program is available on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP) website at http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/.

The VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700, and 5000 are referred to in this document as the "Routers", "cryptographic modules", or the "modules".

1.2 References

This document deals only with operations and capabilities of the modules in the technical terms of a FIPS 140-2 cryptographic module security policy. More information is available on the modules from the following sources:

- The Nortel website (http://www.nortel.com) contains information on the full line of products from Nortel.
- The CMVP website (http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/) contains contact information for answers to technical or sales-related questions for the module.

1.3 Document Organization

The Security Policy document is one document in the FIPS 140-2 Submission Package. In addition to this document, the Submission Package contains:

- Vendor Evidence document
- Finite State Machine
- Other supporting documentation as additional references



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2. VPN ROUTER 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 AND 5000

2.1 Overview

Nortel is a recognized leader in delivering communications capabilities that secure and protect the world's most critical information. Serving both service provider and enterprise customers, Nortel delivers innovative technology solutions encompassing routing, firewall, bandwidth management, encryption, authentication, and data integrity for secure tunneling across managed IP networks and the Internet.

Nortel VPN Routers give enterprises a competitive edge by enabling costeffective, secure connectivity across the entire supply chain, including branch offices, suppliers, distributors, and other business partners. The modules streamline equipment requirements by packaging required VPN firmware and hardware in a single box, without requiring other localized network equipment or servers, minimizing administration costs. A typical deployment of Nortel VPN Routers is shown in Figure 1 below.

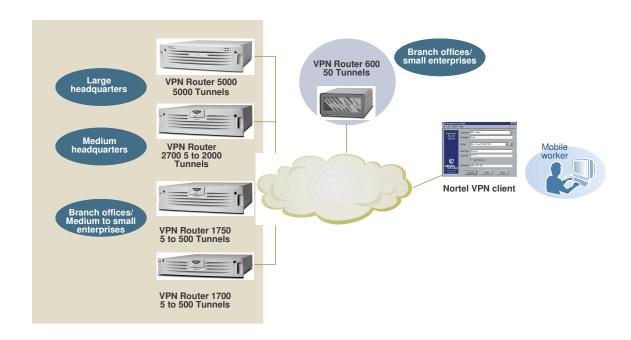


Figure 1 - Nortel VPN Router Architecture

2.2 VPN Router Specification

The VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700, and 5000 are multi-chip standalone modules that meet FIPS 140-2 overall security level 2



requirements. Table 1 lists the security level sought by the modules per section.

| Section | Section Title | Level |
|---------|---|-------|
| 1 | Cryptographic Module Specification | 2 |
| 2 | Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces | 2 |
| 3 | Roles, Services, and Authentication | 2 |
| 4 | Finite State Model | 2 |
| 5 | Physical Security | 2 |
| 6 | Operational Environment | N/A |
| 7 | Cryptographic Key Management | 2 |
| 8 | EMI/EMC | 2 |
| 9 | Self-tests | 2 |
| 10 | Design Assurance | 2 |
| 11 | Mitigation of Other Attacks | N/A |

Table 1 - Security Level per FIPS 140-2 Section

All modules are completely enclosed in a hard opaque metal case with tamper-evident labels. The cryptographic boundary is defined by the outer case of the modules that encloses the complete set of hardware and firmware components.

The VPN Routers are validated in three configurations as follows:

- a) With no accelerator cards installed. The hardware version number for this configuration is 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000
- b) With the Hardware Accelerator card installed in the 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000 Routers. The hardware version number for this configuration is 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000 with DM0011052
- c) With the Contivity Security Accelerator card installed in the 1750, 2700 and 5000 Routers. The hardware version number for this configuration is 1750, 2700 and 5000 with DM0011085 and DM0011084

The firmware version number is the same for all configurations.

The VPN Routers are designed to be modular, include power supply, DIMM RAM, processors, hard disk, floppy drive and PCI slots. The VPN Routers communicate with their clients via LAN and WAN network interface cards that can be factory installed or field installed. The following network interface cards are available¹:

| Factory Installable | Field Installable | Description |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| DM1004002 | DM1011002 | 10/100 Ethernet Option Card |
| DM3919002 | DM3919001 | 1000Base-SX Option Card |

¹ The option cards are excluded from the security requirements of FIPS 140-2



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| Factory Installable | Field Installable | Description | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| DM3919003 | DM3919004 | 1000Base-T Option Card | | | |
| DM3811001 | DM3811002 | 56/64K CSU/DSU PCI Option Card | | | |
| DM2111015 | DM2111016 | Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line Annex A (ADSL) Option Card. | | | |
| DM2111017 | DM2111018 | Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line Annex B (ADSL) Option Card. | | | |
| DM1519006 | DM1519003 | ISDN - BRI S/T Option Card | | | |
| DM1519005 | DM1519004 | ISDN - BRI U (US/Canada Only - ANSI Standard) Option Card | | | |
| DM2111013 | DM2111014 | Half Height Single Port T1/FT1 E1 (G.703) w/CSU/DSU Option Card | | | |
| DM2119002 | DM2119001 | Quad T1/FT1 E1 (G.703) w/quad CSU/DSU (4 x RJ48C) Option Card | | | |
| DM3819002 | DM3819004 | V.90 Modem Option Card | | | |
| DM2111027 | DM2111006 | Single X.21 / V.35 Card Option Card | | | |
| DM2104003 | DM2111003 | High Speed Serial Interface (HSSI) option card for external T3/E3 CSU/DSU | | | |

Table 2 – Network Interface cards available

Additionally, the VPN Router supports the following hardware cryptographic acceleration cards:

| Factory Installable | Field Installable | Description |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| DM0011051 | DM0011052 | Hardware Accelerator (HA) Option Card |
| DM0011084 | DM0011085 | Contivity Security Accelerator (CSA) Option Card. |

Table 3 - VPN Router platform and hardware accelerator cards supported

The modules' support the Hifn 7854 chip on the Contivity Security Accelerator (CSA) card and the Hifn 7811 chip on the Hardware Accelerator (HA) card, for hardware cryptographic acceleration. Table 4 lists the hardware accelerator cards supported by the modules.

| VPN Router platform | CSA supported | HA supported |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 600 | No | No |
| 1700 | No | Yes |
| 1750 | Yes | Yes |
| 2700 | Yes | Yes |
| 5000 | Yes | Yes |

Table 4 - VPN Router platform and hardware accelerator cards supported

2.3 Module Interfaces



The modules' design separates the physical ports into four logically distinct and isolated categories. They are logically divided but are accessed through either the Console port or the network ports. They are:

- Data Input
- Data Output
- Control Input
- Status Output

Data input/output are the packets utilizing the services provided by the modules. These packets enter and exit the modules through the network ports.

Control input consists of data entered into the modules through the web or CLI management interface and the input for the power and reset switch. Any user can be given administrative permission by the Crypto-Officer (CO).

Status output consists of the status indicators displayed through the LEDs and log information through the GUI or CLI. The user with administrative permissions has access to the modules status logs.

The following is a list of the possible physical ports supported by the modules:

- Power connector
- Power switch
- Network ports (LAN port, WAN port)
- Serial port
- LEDs
- Reset switch
- Recovery button

All of these physical interfaces are not available in every Router. Table 5 lists the interfaces available in each Router and also provides the mapping from the physical interfaces to logical interfaces as defined by FIPS 140-2:



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| VPN Router 600 Physical Port | VPN Router 1700 Physical Port | VPN Router 1750 Physical Port | VPN Router 2700 Physical Port | VPN Router 5000 Physical Port | FIPS 140-2 Logical Interface |
|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Network ports | Network ports, | Network ports, | Network ports, | Network ports, | Data Input |
| Network ports | Network ports, | Network ports, | Network ports, | Network ports, | Data Output |
| Serial port, Network ports, Recovery button | Serial port, Network ports, Power switch, Reset switch | Control Input |
| LEDs, | LEDs, | LEDs, | LEDs, | LEDs, | Status Output |
| Serial port, | Serial port, | Serial port, | Serial port, | Serial port, | |
| Network ports | Network ports | Network ports | Network ports | Network ports | |
| Power | Power | Power | Power | Power | Power |
| connector | connector | connector | connector | connectors | |

Table 5 - Physical Ports and Logical Interfaces

The physical ports of the modules are depicted in the following figures.

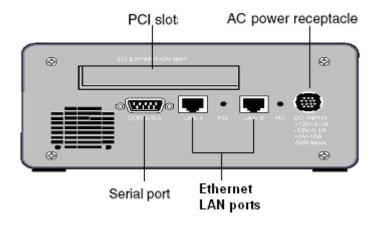


Figure 2 – VPN Router 600 Rear Panel Physical Ports

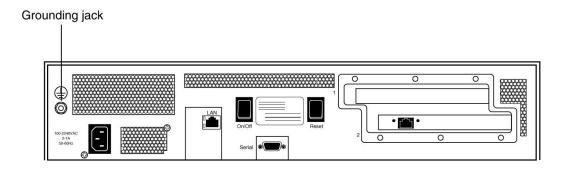


Figure 3 - VPN Router 1700 Rear Panel Physical Ports

Grounding jack NORTEL NETWORKS CONTIVITY 1750 100-240 V5-3 A 80-50 Hz Resolution Serial Port Serial Po

Figure 4 - VPN Router 1750 Rear Panel Physical Ports

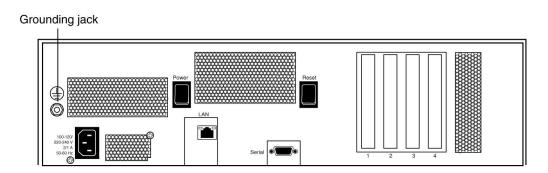


Figure 5 - VPN Router 2700 Rear Panel Physical Ports



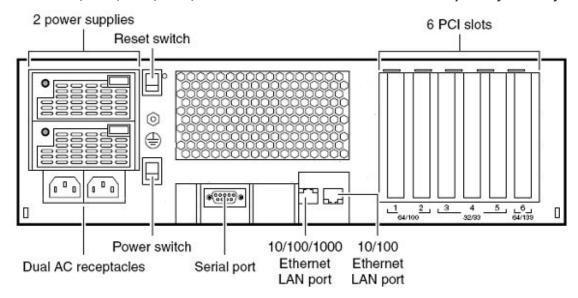


Figure 6 – VPN Router 5000 Rear Panel Physical Ports

The cryptographic modules have a number of LEDs that indicates the states of the modules. The description of the LEDs status is as below for each module:

| Model Number | LED | Indicator | Description |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 600 | Power | On | The Router is receiving AC power |
| | | Off | The Router is not receiving AC power |
| | Alert | Red | A serious alarm condition exists that requires attention. A red alert usually indicates a hardware error. The red alert condition is described in the health check display. |
| | Attention | Amber | A non-fatal alarm condition exists. The yellow alert condition is described in the health check display. |
| | Ready | Green | The router has booted and is operational. |
| | Boot | Amber | The Router is booting and is in a non-ready state. If the Boot LED and the Ready LED light at the same time, the VPN Router 600 is in recovery mode |
| 1700 | Power (Nortel Networks logo) | On | The Router is receiving AC power. |
| 1750 2700 | | Off | The router is not receiving AC power. |
| | Alert | Yellow | A non-fatal alarm condition exists. The yellow alert condition is described in the health check display. |
| | Fail | Red | A serious alarm condition exists that requires attention. A red alert usually indicates a hardware error. The red alert condition is described in the health check display. |
| | Boot | Yellow | The Router is booting and is in a non-ready state. |
| | Ready | Green | The boot process has completed successfully and the Router has reached a state of readiness. |
| 5000 | Alert | Yellow | A non-fatal alarm condition exists. The yellow alert condition is described in the health check display. |



| Model Number | LED | Indicator | Description |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|---|
| | Fail Red | | A serious alarm condition exists that requires attention. A red alert usually indicates a hardware error. The red alert condition is described in the health check display. |
| | Boot | Yellow | The system is booting and is in a non-ready state. |
| | Ready | Green | The boot process has completed successfully and the system has reached a state of readiness. |

Table 6 – LED's Description

2.4 Roles and Services

The module supports role-based authentication. There are two roles in the module (as required by FIPS 140-2) that operators may assume: a Crypto Officer role and User role.

2.4.1 Crypto Officer Role

The Crypto Officer is the administrator for the Router and does the initial setup and maintenance. At a highest level, the services available to the Crypto Officer role are provided in the table below.

| Service | Description | Input | Output | CSP | Type of Access to CSP |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Configuring the Router | Define network interfaces and settings, set the protocols the Router will | Command and parameters | Command response | RSA public key | Write |
| | support and load authentication information | | | RSA private key | Write |
| | | | | Password | Write |
| | | | | RADIUS shared secret | Write |
| Create user groups | Creating, editing and deleting user groups, Define common sets of user permissions. | Command and parameters | Command response | Password | Read/Write |
| Create users | Creating, editing and deleting user, Define user accounts and assign permissions. | Command and parameters | Command response | Password | Read/Write |

| Service | Description | Input | Output | CSP | Type of Access to CSP |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| Define rules and filters | Create packet filters that are applied to user data streams on each interface. | Command and parameters | Command response | | |
| Monitor status | View the Router configuration, active sessions and logs. | Command | Status information | | |
| Manage the Router | Log off users, shut down or reset the Router, backup or restore the Router configuration, create recovery diskette or zeroize. | Command and parameters | Command response | All | Write |

Table 7 - Crypto Officer Services, Descriptions, CSPs

2.4.2 User Role

The User role accesses the VPN services provided by the modules, authenticating during the establishment of an IPSec session using a preshared key or digital certificate. The User service descriptions and inputs/outputs are listed in the following table:

| Service | Role | Input | Output | CSP | Type of Access to CSP |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| VPN session establishment | Establish VPN session and | API calls, including proper messages to authenticate | Result of negotiation and session key | RSA private key | Read |
| | authenticate | | | Password | Read |
| | | | | Pre-shared key | Write |
| VPN session | Use the VPN services | Encrypted/decrypted data | Encrypted/decrypted data | Session keys | Read/Write |
| Change password | Change the user password | Command and parameters | Result of password change | Password | Write |

Table 8 – User Services, Descriptions, Inputs and Outputs

2.4.3 Authentication Mechanisms

The Crypto-Officer can access the module over the console port, TLS session or an IPSec VPN Client session. The CO authenticates using user



ID and password. The user authenticates using pre-shared key or digital certificates during IKE. On top of these mechanisms, authentication maybe performed by the internal LDAP database or external LDAP or external LDAP proxy or RADIUS serves.

| Authentication Type | Strength |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Password | Passwords are required to be at least 8 characters in length. Considering only the case sensitive English alphabet and the numerals 0-9 using a 8 digit password with repetition, the number of potential passwords is 62^8, which equates to a 1 in 62^8 chance of false positive. |
| Pre-shared key | The module authenticates the user during IKE using pre- shared key. Pre-shared keys are generated based on user credentials. The probability of a random attempt to succeed is 1:2^160 chance of false positive. |
| RSA Public Key Certificates | The module supports RSA digital certificate authentication of users during IPSec/IKE and LDAP servers during TLS. Using conservative estimates and equating a 1024 bit RSA key to an 80 bit symmetric key, the probability for a random attempt to succeed is 1:2^80 chance of false positive. |
| RADIUS shared secret | The RADIUS server authenticates to the module using hash of the secret key with other information. The shared secret should be at least 8 characters in length. Considering only the case sensitive English alphabet and the numerals 0-9 using a 8 digit password with repetition, the number of potential passwords is 62^8, which equates to a 1 in 62^8 chance of false positive. |

Table 9 - Authentication Mechanism Used by the Modules

2.5 Physical Security

The VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000 are enclosed in a hard and opaque metal case that completely encloses all of the internal components of the modules. There are only a limited set of vent holes provided in the case, and these obscure the view of the internal components of the module. Tamper-evident labels are applied to the case to provide physical evidence of attempts to remove the case of the modules. Additionally an audible alarm can be enabled that is activated when the front cover is removed, except for the VPN router 600. All of the modules components are production grade. The placement of tamper evidence labels can be found in section 3. Secure Operation.

The modules were tested and found conformant to the EMI/EMC requirements specified by 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 15, Subpart B, Unintentional Radiators, Digital Devices, Class A (i.e., for business use).



2.6 Operational Environment

The operational environment requirements do not apply to the VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000. The modules do not provide a general purpose operating system.

2.7 Cryptographic Key Management

The modules implement the following FIPS-approved algorithms:

Firmware:

- AES-CBC (256, 128 bits) FIPS 197 (certificate 292)
- Triple DES-CBC (168 bits) FIPS 46-3 (certificate 367)
- RSA(1024, 2048) PKCS#1 (certificate 83)
- FIPS 186-2 PRNG General purpose implementation [(x-Original); (SHA-1)] (certificate 116)
- SHA-1 FIPS 180-2 (certificate 366)
- HMAC-SHA-1 FIPS 198 (certificate 103)

Contivity Security Accelerator:

- AES-CBC (128 bits) FIPS 197 (certificate 48)
- Triple DES-CBC (168 bits) FIPS 46-3 (certificate 158)
- SHA-1 FIPS 180-2 (certificate 143)
- HMAC-SHA-1 FIPS 198 (certificate 102)

Hardware Accelerator:

- Triple DES-CBC (168 bits) FIPS 46-3 (certificate 29)
- SHA-1 FIPS 180-2 (certificate 51)
- HMAC-SHA-1 FIPS 198 (certificate 101)

The module utilizes the following non-FIPS-approved algorithm implementation in FIPS Mode of operation:

Firmware:

- Diffie-Hellman Group 5 (1536 bits)²
- Diffie-Hellman Group 2 (1024 bits)³

Contivity Security Accelerator:

- Diffie-Hellman Group 5 (1536 bits)²
- Diffie-Hellman Group 2 (1024 bits)³
- RSA PKCS #1 key wrapping⁴

Additionally, the following algorithms are disabled within the module in

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² Group 5 key establishment provides 96 bits of encryption strength.

³ Group 2 key establishment provides 80 bits of encryption strength.

⁴ Provides 80-112bits of encryption strength



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FIPS mode of operation:

Firmware:

- DES-CBC (56 bits)
- DES MAC
- Diffie_Hellman Group 8 (ECDH)
- Diffie-Hellman Group 1 (768 bit)
- RC4-CBC (128, 40 bits)
- RC2-CBC (128 bits)
- MD5
- HMAC MD5
- MD2

Contivity Security Accelerator:

- Hardware RNG for seeding the FIPS-approved ANSI X9.31 **PRNG**
- ANSI X9.31 PRNG Appendix A.2.4 of ANSI X9.31 (certificate 82)
- MD5
- HMAC MD5

Hardware Accelerator:

- DES-CBC (56 bits)
- MD5
- HMAC MD5

The module supports the following critical security parameters:

| Key | Key type | Generation | Storage | Zeroization | Use |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Firmware integrity check key | DES MAC(56 bits) | Externally generated predetermined value hard coded into the module | Non-volatile memory (hard drive – plaintext) in module binaries | Zeroized by formatting the hard drive | This key is used to perform the integrity check on the module. |
| FIPS 186-2 PRNG Seed key | 160 bits | Generated internally by gathering system entropy | Volatile memory only (plaintext) | Zeroized when the module reboots | Used by FIPS 186-2 PRNG |
| RSA public key ⁵ | 1024-2048 bits (X.509 certificate) | Server public key is internally generated using PKCS #1; User public key is sent to the module during IPSec/IKE and TLS session key negotiation. | Non-volatile memory | Zeroized when the certificate is deleted; User public key is zeroized when tunnel is disconnected | Public key used for IPSec/IKE and TLS key negotiation |

⁵ Encrypt/Decrypt provides between 80 and 112 bits of encryption strength. © 2006 Nortel

| Key | Key type | Generation | Storage | Zeroization | Use |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| RSA private key ⁵ | 1024-2048 bits | Generated internally using PKCS #1. | Non-volatile memory (PKSC#5 – plaintext) | Zeroized when the certificate is deleted | Private key used for IPSec/IKE and TLS key negotiation |
| Passwords | Alphanumeric string (minimum of 8 characters) | Entered into module over an console port, TLS or IPSEC session | Non-volatile memory (internal LDAP database – plaintext) | Zeroized when the password is updated with a new one | Used for authenticating the Crypto-Officer and Users |
| IPSec pre-shared keys | 160 bits | Generated internally using user id and password | Not stored - in volatile memory only (plaintext) | Zeroized when not needed or when the module reboots | Mutual authentication between the server and the client |
| IKE DH key pair | Diffie Hellman Group 2 (1024 bits) or Group 5 (1536 bits) | Generated internally during IKE | Not stored - Volatile memory only (plaintext) | When no longer used by the module or reboot | Used for session key agreement – public key sent to client |
| IPSec Session Keys | AES (128, 256 bits) Triple-DES (168 bits), HMAC-SHA-1 keys (160 bits) | Negotiated during IKE using Diffie- Hellman key agreement | Not stored - in volatile memory only (plaintext) | Zeroized when not needed or when the module reboots | Used to encrypt/decrypt/MA C tunnel traffic |
| TLS Session Keys | AES (128, 256 bits) Triple-DES (168 bits), HMAC-SHA-1 keys (160 bits) | Negotiated during TLS session establishment. | Not stored - in volatile memory only in plaintext | Zeroized when not needed or when the module reboots | Used to encrypt/decrypt/MA C the TLS session |
| RADIUS shared secret | Alphanumeric string (minimum of 6 characters) | Entered into module over an console port, TLS or IPSEC session | Non-volatile memory (internal LDAP database – plaintext) | Zeroized when the RADIUS server setup is deleted | Used to authenticate RADIUS server |

Table 10 - Listing of Key and Critical Security Parameters

The module uses FIPS Approved FIPS 186-2 PRNG for generating the keys.

2.8 Self-Tests

The VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000 performs the following self-tests at power-up:

Firmware:



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- Firmware integrity check: Verifying the integrity of the firmware binaries of the module using a DES MAC Error Detection Code.
- AES KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the AES algorithm implementation.
- Triple-DES KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the Triple-DES algorithm implementation.
- RSA pair-wise consistency check: Verifying the correct operation of the RSA implementation
- SHA-1 KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the SHA-1 algorithm implementation.
- HMAC-SHA-1 KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the HMAC-SHA1 algorithm implementation.
- FIPS 186-2 PRNG KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the FIPS 186-2 PRNG implementation.

CSA (if installed):

- AES KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the AES algorithm implementation.
- Triple-DES KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the Triple-DES algorithm implementation.
- SHA-1 KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the SHA-1 algorithm implementation.
- HMAC-SHA-1 KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the HMAC-SHA1 algorithm implementation.

HA (if installed):

- Triple-DES KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the Triple-DES algorithm implementation.
- HMAC-SHA-1 KAT: Verifying the correct operation of the HMAC-SHA1 algorithm implementation.

The VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000 perform the following conditional self-tests:

Firmware:

- FIPS 186-2 Continuous RNG: Verifying the RNG has not failed to a constant value.
- Continuous RNG for entropy gathering: Verifying the seeding mechanism for the FIPS 182-2 PRNG has not failed to a constant value
- RSA sign/verify pair-wise consistency check: Verifying that a newly generated RSA key pair works properly.

If any of the hardware accelerator cards self-tests fail the module forces the corresponding card to enter an error state, logs the error to a file and shuts down the card

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If any of the firmware self-tests fail the module enters an error state, logs the error to the event log, forces a controlled crash and then reboots itself.

2.9 Design Assurance

Nortel follows highly stabilized and popular design procedures. The design goes through many phases of review and inspections, and implementations undergo rigorous quality assurance testing.

Additionally, ClearCase Version 5.0 is used to provide configuration management for the modules firmware and documentation. The software provides access control, versioning, and logging. VSS is used for versioning of FIPS-related documentation.

2.10 Mitigation of Other Attacks

This section is not applicable. The modules do not claim to mitigate any attacks beyond the FIPS 140-2 level 2 requirements for this validation.



3. SECURE OPERATION

The VPN Router 600, 1700, 1750, 2700 and 5000 meets Level 2 requirements for FIPS 140-2. The sections below describe how to place and keep the module in FIPS-approved mode of operation.

3.1 Crypto-Officer Guidance

3.1.1 Initial Setup

Before enabling the FIPS Mode the tamper evident labels must be applied as shown below. For more details on steps for applying, monitoring and logging the tamper evidence labels see Chapter 2, "Labeling the Contivity Secure IP Services Gateway", of the Using Contivity Secure IP Services Gateways in FIPS Mode document.

The 600

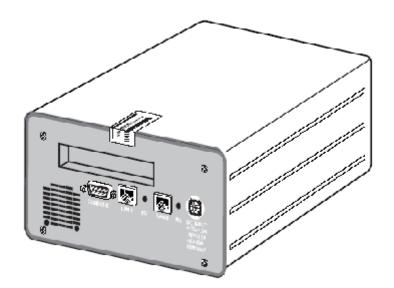


Figure 7 - Tamper evidence label for top cover of 600

600 VPN router requires one tamper-evident label covering rear panel and the top side.

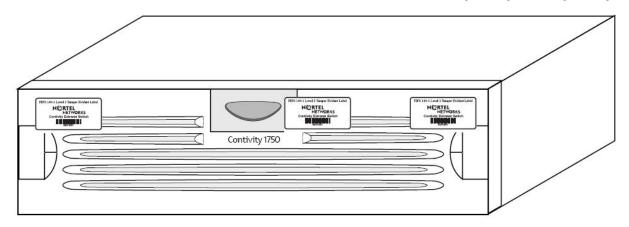


Figure 8 - Tamper evidence label for 1700, 1750 and 2700

To seal the 1700, 1750, and 2700 VPN routers, three tamper-evident labels need to be placed on the front bezel. Couple of the labels should be put on both the bezel screws and another should be overlapped on center section and bezel.

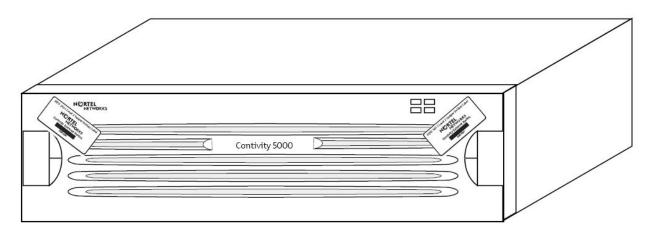


Figure 9 - Tamper evidence label for 5000

Similar to 1700 series, 5000 router requires two tamper-evident labels on both the bezel screws to seal the module. For 5000 VPN router, labels should be placed in an angle to avoid molding the labels over the curved handles and also hide LEDs at front.

3.1.2 Initialization

The modules are shipped with a default administrator ID and password. The FIPS Mode can be enabled from the CLI or web GUI interface. When the FIPS Mode is enabled the modules automatically reboot and disable the following features/services.

Debugging scripts are disabled



- FTP is disabled on the public interface
- Telnet is disabled on the public interface
- The 'NULL' encryption option is disabled for IPSec services

Additionally the Crypto-Officer must perform these additional actions to put the modules in a FIPS Mode:

- Change the default administrator password
- The Crypto-Officer password must be configured to a minimum length of 8 characters
- RADIUS shared secret must be a minimum length of 6 characters
- Maximum number of login attempts must be configured to five
- RSA key size of 1024 bits or greater should be used
- All cryptographic services (PPTP, L2TP, L2F etc.) that employ Non-FIPS Approved algorithms must be disabled
- All access to the web based management interface should be over a TLS session (HTTPS) or IPSec VPN Client connection
- Use only TLS and enable Ciphers 1 and 2 from services -> ssltls
- LDAP and LDAP Proxy must be over a TLS session
- The backup interface should be over an IPSec session
- Disable DES (56 and 40 bits)
- Do not perform any firmware upgrades

At this point, the module must be rebooted to enable all of the changes. Upon reboot, initialization of the module in FIPS Mode is complete and the module is now configured securely.

For more details on the initial configuration of the Routers see *Configuring the Contivity 600/1700/1750/2700/5000*.

3.1.3 Management

• The Crypto-Officer must be sure to only configure cryptographic services for the module using the FIPS Approved algorithms, as listed in the Cryptographic Key Management section above. IPSec and TLSv1 must only be configured to use FIPS Approved cipher suites, and only digital certificates generated with FIPS Approved algorithms may be utilized. RSA key size must be a minimum of 1024 bits in length. Do not perform any firmware upgrades.

When transitioning the modules from Non-FIPS mode to FIPS mode, the Crypto Officer should ensure that the module is running only the Nortel supplied FIPS 140-2 validated firmware. If there is a concern that the firmware has been modified during operation in Non-FIPS mode then the Crypto Officer should reinstall the Nortel firmware from a trusted media such as the Nortel installation CD or the Nortel website.



3.1.4 Zeroization

At the end of its life cycle or when taking the modules out of FIPS Mode, the modules must be fully zeroized to protect CSPs. When switching between the FIPS Mode the module automatically reboots zeroizing all the CSP's in volatile memory. The Crypto-Officer must wait until the modules have successfully rebooted in order to verify that zeroization has completed.

3.2 User Guidance

The User does not have the ability to configure sensitive information on the modules, with the exception of their password. The User must be diligent to pick strong passwords (alphanumeric with minimum 8 characters or greater), and must not reveal their password to anyone. Additionally, the User should be careful to protect any secret/private keys in their possession, such as IPSec session keys.



4. ACRONYMS

AES Advance Encryption Standard

AH Authentication Header

ANSI American National Standards Institute
API Application Programming Interface

CLI Command Line Interface

CO Crypto-Officer

CMVP Cryptographic Module Validation Program

CSA Contivity Security Accelerator
CSP Critical Security Parameter
DES Data Encryption Standard
EDC Error Detection Code

EMC Electromagnetic Compatibility
EMI Electromagnetic Interference
ESP Encapsulating Security Payload
FCC Federal Communication Commission
FIPS Federal Information Processing Standard

GUI Graphical User Interface
HMAC (Keyed-) Hash MAC
IKE Internet Key Exchange

IP Internet Protocol

IPSec IP Security

KAT Known Answer Test

LDAP Lightweight Directory Access Protocol

LED Light Emitting Diode

MAC Message Authentication Code

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology NVLAP National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation

Program

PRNG Pseudo Random Number Generator

RAM Random Access Memory
RNG Random Number Generator
RSA Rivest Shamir and Adleman

SA Security Association
SHA Secure Hash Algorithm
SSL Secure Socket Layer

TCP Transmission Control Protocol
TLS Transport Layer Security
VPN Virtual Private Network